

Dennis,

As background, Knights of Columbus (KofC) Fr. Raphael Tonor Council #13471 in Neshoba County, Mississippi is comprised of knights from five parishes. It's a small council with approximately 52 Knights; roughly a dozen Sir Knights. All five churches could easily fit at one mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG). Three of the parishes (Holy Family, St. Therese and St. Catherine) are missionary churches located on reservations of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI), one (Sacred Heart) is in Louisville, Mississippi and one (Holy Cross) is in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

A missionary priest serves the reservation churches and a diocesan priest serves Holy Cross and Sacred Heart.

While living in Philadelphia I was the CFO for MBCI and Belinda and I attended Holy Cross and Holy Rosary. In the KofC, I was DGK from July 2012 through June 2014; and GK from July 2014 through April 2015.

We visited OLG during Lent in 2012 and were exposed to the "40 Cans for Lent" food drive and met you for the first time. I took the idea back to my Council in Philadelphia. Moving forward, we conducted successfully, the "40 Cans" in 2013 and again in 2014; as well as 2015 and currently.

In April of 2014, a devastating tornado struck and destroyed a substantial portion of Louisville, Mississippi, twenty-five miles north of Philadelphia.

Unless you have experienced such an event, you cannot appreciate the impact. It's total destruction.

The Council #13471 "40 Cans" food drive had concluded shortly before the storm. We had collected over 930 cans weighing roughly 1,050 lbs.

We proceeded to load several pick-up trucks with food, added a couple trucks of bottled water, and drove to Louisville. We arrived about the same time as MEMA and assisted in distributing the food and water.

Let me hasten to add that we were among many volunteers that showed up to help and we were only a small part of a huge effort to help.

The timing with the "40 Cans for Lent" food drive couldn't have been better timed.

The whole idea started at OLG!

This from my recollections.

Hope this helps.

Regards,

Your Brother Larry